

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/002,842 Confirmation No. 3654  
Applicant(s) : James Hunter Boone, et al.  
Filed : 11/14/2001  
Group Art Unit : 1641  
Examiner : Lisa V. Cook  
Title : METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING IRRITABLE BOWEL  
SYNDROME FROM INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD)  
AND FOR MONITORING PERSONS WITH IBD USING TOTAL  
ENDOGENOUS LACTOFERRIN AS A MARKER

Docket No. : TLAB.79219  
Customer No. : 05251

**VIA EFS**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, please consider the remarks  
and amendments for the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.